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COOPERATIVES LAG IN FALL SHOWING

Due to intensive competition among farmworkers' cooperatives, state farms, and machine-tractor stations, the general progress of the fall sowing plan has been substantially improved. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the fall sowing plan was completed 81.6 percent for wheat, 97.3 percent for rye, and 67.2 for barley as of 24 October. Farmworkers' cooperatives met the plan 83.7 percent for wheat, 98 for rye, and 58.5 percent for barley; state farms, 100.1 percent for wheat, 100.6 for rye, and 95.1 percent for barley. The results shown by the cooperative farms are obviously unsatisfactory compared to the general progress of the plan.

Some okoliya have shown more satisfactory work due to good party leadership during the campaign, but others are still lagging. Thus, for example, in Balchik Okoliya, the most important crop, wheat, has been only sown 69.3 percent of plan, in Belogradchik Okoliya 69.2 percent, Botavgrad 60.7 percent, Burgas 66.5, Novopazar 66.2, Peshtera 53, Troyan 60.3, Tsarev 39.6, and in Chirpan Okoliya 37 percent. These shortcomings are due to the fact that party organizations have underestimated the importance of their task. Thus for example the party executives in Cherven Breg neglected to call a meeting to discuss the campaign. As a result, out of 90 party members only one has sifted his grain for sowing, and not one has completed the work, whereas 112 nonmembers and associates have sifted and disinfected all their grain, and 50 have completed their sowing. In the village of Bivolare, Pleven Okoliya, of 60 Communists only 29 have sifted and disinfected their grain, and party executives have so far not taken any action to direct members to do their work. There is too much complacency in some quarters, and work is being delayed in many okoliya, such as in Pavlikeni, where fall sowing has reached only 78 percent of the plan.

The last days of October must be used for total completion of the sowing campaign. Party committees must instruct members accordingly and reveal and eliminate any shortcomings. Subversive agitators must be removed from villages and okoliya, and large-scale cooperative work started for entire villages on a pattern already introduced in Provediya, Tolbukhi, and other okoliya. Some fallow land will, however, still remain in the hands of kulaks and other reactionary elements. The people's soviets must introduce measures to put an end to these conditions, primarily by leasing the land to small farmers, farmers' work co-operatives, etc.

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